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To the Directors of the Massachusetts Audubon Society:-

Dear colleagues and friends:-

I hereby tender my resignation as President of the Society and also as a member of the Board of Directors, requesting that it be accepted by formal vote at your next regular meeting in September. Because of certain changes of conditions that have already taken place, and of others likely to follow them I feel that it would be inadvisable for me to attempt to serve your further in any official capacity. It is, moreover, my conviction that the time has arrived when you should have as President a younger man, possessing more alertness and energy, and more closely in touch with the needs and interests of the Society. In looking back over the rather long series of years that have passed since we first organized the Society it is very pleasing and comforting to me to reflect that while your opinions and wishes have not always coincided with mine at all points there has never, to the best of my recollection, been the least serious friction between us. Hence we may now part in all possible friendliness, I trust, and with nothing whatever of a personal nature to repent or regret. Yours sincerely William Brewster.